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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT BY
CZECH AMBASSADOR KLEIN JANUARY 17, 1974

SUMMARY

PRESS CONFERENCE BY CZECH MBFR DELEGATION HEAD MIGHT HAVE BEEN
MOTIVATED BY ATTENTION AND FAVORABLE REACTION TO EARLIER QUARLES
INTERVIEW, AS WELL AS BY DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS. ABOUT 40 MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED, WITH A NUMBER OF THEM SUBSEQUENTLY DE-
PLORING FACT THAT KLEIN SPOKE CZECH, AND USED INTERPRETER WHO PRO-
DUCED POOR ENGLISH VERSION OF A GENERALLY VAGUE PRESENTATION.
STATEMENT BELOW IS REPRODUCED AS PRESENTED. FOR QS AND AS, SEE
SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

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PRESS STATEMENT:

1. DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: PERMIT ME TO WELCOME YOU AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF WHICH I SHOULD LIKE TO DEAL WITH SOME ASPECTS CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

2. IT IS CERTAINLY VERY WELL KNOWN NOT ONLY TO THE EXPERTS ENGAGED IN THE PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT BUT ALSO TO YOU THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE COMING IN THE COURSE OF THE WHOLE POSTWAR PERIOD, MANY A TIME WITH THE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE. THE POSITIVE PROCESS OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND, ESPECIALLY, IN THE RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES WHICH BECAME PARTICULARLY EXPRESSIVE IN THE LAST PERIOD MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED TO PRACTICAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS WHICH WE HAVE JUST STARTED TODAY.

3. THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC - IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONSULTATIONS OF LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON THE CRIMEA LAST YEAR - IS READY JOINTLY WITH ITS ALLIES TO SEE CONSISTENTLY TO IT THAT THE POLITICAL DETENTE IN EUROPE BE SUPPLEMENTED ALSO BY THE RELAXATION IN THE MILITARY SPHERE. IT IS NO SECRET FOR ANYBODY THAT IT IS JUST IN CENTRAL EUROPE WHERE THERE EXISTS A STRONG CONCENTRATION OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT, GROUND TROOPS AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS WELL AS OF FURTHER COMBAT EQUIPMENT THE MAINTAINING OF WHICH MEANS A HEAVY BURDEN OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL EUROPEAN NATIONS.

4. THAT IS WHY OUR DELEGATION CAME TO VIENNA WITH A FIRM INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE ON CONCRETE MEASURES AIMED AT REDUCING THE GIVEN LEVEL OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN THE AREA OF CENTRAL EUROPE ALREADY AGREED UPON AND TO ACHIEVE IN THAT RESPECT THE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. IT MEANS SUCH SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR SECURITY OF ALL PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE DO NOT WANT AND NEITHER IS IT OUR INTENTION TO ATTAIN ANY UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. OUR APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES BECAUSE IT FULLY CONFIDENTIAL

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CORRESPONDS TO THE PRINCIPLE JOINTLY AGREED UPON IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS ACCORDING TO WHICH THE SECURITY OF NO PARTY MAY BE ENDANGERED DUE TO THE ADOPTED MEASURES.

5. THIS IS OUR APPROACH OF PRINCIPLE TO SOLVE THIS TASK WHICH IS NOT EASY AND WHICH IS NOT BEFORE US FOUND ITS CONCRETE EXPRESSION IN THE COMPLEX DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE SUBMITTED, AS IT IS KNOWN TO YOU

FROM THE PRESS, ON NOVEMBER 8, 1973 BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. OUR JOINT PROPOSAL IS BASED ON A REALISTIC EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, I.E. ON THE GIVEN RATIO OF ARMED FORCES IN THIS AREA WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CORRESPONDING STABILITY, SECURITY OF EACH PARTY AND, AT THE SAME TIME, DOES NOT OFFER ANY UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES TO ANYBODY.

6. THE REDUCTION ON AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE BASIS ON THE TWO SIDES IS, IN OUR OPINION, THE KEY FOR THE JUST SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

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IN OTHER WORDS - AN ATTAINMENT OF A LOWER LEVEL OF THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WHILE PRESERVING THE RATIO OF FORCES CREATED IN THE MENTIONED AREA UNTIL NOW. THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION THEREFORE REGARDS IT AS UN-

FOUNDED TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL AIRMING AT AN UNEQUAL REDUCTION AND LEADING IN THEIR CONSEQUENCES TO MILITARY ADVANTAGES OF ONE SIDE. HERE I HAVE IN MIND VARIOUS ASYMETRIC MODELS WHICH ARE THE CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF SUCH AN APPROACH.

7. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT OF FOUR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS, AS I ALREADY NOTED, COMPLEX, BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR THE REDUCTION OF BOTH THE NATIONAL AND FOREIGN ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, HENCE OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS OF ALL DIRECT PARTIES TO VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS AS WELL AS ON THAT SIDE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THE DRAFT THAT THE REDUCTION SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE GROUND FORCES, BUT ALSO MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND

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THE UNITS ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS COMPLEX APPROACH FULLY CORRESPONDS TO THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS AND IS BASED ON THE REALISTIC EVALUATION OF THE STRUCTURE AND CO-OPERATION OF ALL KINDS OF NATIONAL AND FOREIGN ARMED FORCES AND THEIR UNITED SYSTEM OF DIRECTION. THEREFORE THE ATTEMPTS TO POINT OUT ARTIFICIALLY FROM THE PROBLEMS OF REDUCTION ONLY GROUND ARMED FORCES AND, MOREOVER, OF ONLY SOME DIRECT PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REGARDED BY US AS ILLOGICAL AND CONTRADICTORY TO THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS. IF MANY COMMENTARIES OF THE WESTERN PRESS MENTION THE REDUCTION OF ONLY THE GROUND FORCES AS THE EASIEST SOLUTION IT DOES NOT MEAN IN ANY CASE - AND WE ARE FULLY CONVINCED OF IT - THAT IT WOULD AT THE SAME TIME BE A JUST SOLUTION, ESPECIALLY TAKEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT NO PARTY SHOULD HAVE ANY ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES RESULTING FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS YOU SEE, OUR APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF REDUCING ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE IS SOLID AND RESPECTS THE INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE SAME SECURITY OF ALL PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

8. IN OUR OPINION THE AUTUMN PART OF VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS WAS USEFUL. IT MADE POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE APPROACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL STATES TO THE GIVEN PROBLEM WHICH WAS ALSO DUE TO THE MATTER-OF-FACT AND WORKING ATMOSPHERE WHICH AROSE IN THE COURSE OF THOSE TALKS. NOW WE STAND BEFORE THE TASK TO SEEK JOINTLY AND TO FIND THE CONCRETE SOLUTION OF THE GIVEN PROBLEM. THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IS READY TO MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOR IN THAT RESPECT AND TO CONTRIBUTE WITH ITS SHARE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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